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Jesus the Christ gave unto humanity a unique description of events that will usher in a new age of peace and justice, an age prophesied as the Great Day of the Lord (Judgment) and God's Kingdom on earth (a thousand years of Peace). A Kingdom requires that there be a King and God preserved the Davidic lineage throughout the centuries, with a promise that the line of David would never end. History and scripture clearly define the One who is to come is Bahá'u'lláh, the second advent of Messiah ben David. He appears within the Greater Covenant, prophesied by name, date, address and mission. His establisher also appears within the Greater Covenant, one who comes in many names, the return of Jesus. As Jesus the Lamb, he breaks the seven seals and explains the meaning of the book of Revelation.

In the opening passages it is written: "The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants what must soon take place...," meaning all that is recorded is for a future time. "...and he made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw." The book of Revelation is the message of the gospel of the Kingdom, the Revelation of Jesus the Christ. It is first given to an angel and then unto John to record all that he sees. In the fifth chapter it is clearly given that only Jesus upon his return can explain the meaning of the book.

And I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne [the throne of David] a scroll written within and on the back [Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh and Will and Testament of 'Abdú'l-Bahá], sealed with seven seals; and I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" And no one on earth was able to open the scroll or look into it, and I wept much that no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, "Weep not; lo, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders, I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth; and he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.¹

Jesus said he was the root and offspring of David. "I Jesus have sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and offspring of David, the bright morning star." Only Jesus, who returns as the Lamb, can explain the meaning of the scroll, the Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh. Jesus was the sacrificial Lamb, "as though it had been slain," however, he returns as the Lamb with seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven alive revealed religions existing today. The book with the seven seals is the Will and Testament of 'Abdú'l-Bahá that Ruhiyyih Khanum and the Hands violated and thus only Jesus upon his return can break the seals, that is, explain it's true meaning. No other, according to the scriptures, may interpret the book of Revelation accurately, other than the return of Jesus the Lamb.

The Christian clergy preach a different gospel from that spoken by Jesus and the Apostles. Paul wrote in his letter to the Galatians: "As we have said before, so now I say again, If any one is preaching to you a

¹ Revelation 5:1-5.

² Revelation 22:16.

gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be accursed."³ The Christian world today worships a man-imagined god, the Babylonian Religion. This is the gospel contrary to the true teachings, the preaching of the incarnate god-lie. In the eighteenth chapter of Revelation, it speaks of Babylon the Great, which is a reference to Rome, where we find the prophet of the antichrist, the residing place of the great whore of Babylon.

For all nations have drunk the wine of her impure passion, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich with the wealth of her wantonness.... Render to her as she herself has rendered, and repay her double for her deeds; mix a double draught for her in the cup she mixed...so shall her plagues come in a single day, pestilence and mourning and famine and she shall be burned with fire; for might is the Lord God who judges her.⁴

This passage is a reference to the first wind of destruction; "her plagues come in a single day...and she shall be burned with fire." Revelation reveals the first wind of destruction will be over in one hour. "And the kings of the earth, who committed fornication and were wanton with her, will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning; they will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say, Alas! Alas! Thou great city, thou mighty city, Babylon! In one hour has thy judgment come." 5

Again, from the book of Revelation.

And this was how I saw the horses in my vision: the riders wore breastplates the color of fire and of sapphire and of sulphur, and the heads of the horses were like lions' heads, and fire and smoke and sulphur issued from their mouths. By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed, by the fire and smoke and sulphur issuing from their mouths. For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; their tails are like serpents, with heads, and by means of them they wound.⁶

Zechariah also had visions of the latter days and in the fifth chapter he writes:

Again, I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, a flying scroll! And he said to me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I see a flying scroll; its length is twenty cubits, and its breadth ten cubits." Then he said to me, "This is the curse that goes out over the face of the whole land; for every one who steals shall be cut off henceforth according to it, and every one who swears falsely shall be cut off henceforth according to it. I will send it forth, says the Lord of Hosts, and it shall enter the house of the thief, and the house of him who swears falsely by my name; and it shall abide in his house and consume it, both timber and stones." ⁷

Peter gave warning that the "the heavens and earth that now exist have been stored up for fire, being kept until judgment and destruction of ungodly men.... But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and all its works that are upon it will be burned up."

These visions and warning all relate to the first wind of destruction – a thermal-nuclear war. The "scroll" seen by Zechariah is the missile that delivers the warhead; "their tails are like serpents," the missile, "with

⁴ Revelation 18:3-8.

³ Galatians 1:9.

⁵ Revelation 18:9, 10.

⁶ Revelation 9:17-19.

⁷ Zechariah 5:1-4.

⁸ II Peter 3:8, 10.

heads," the nuclear war-head and "consume it, both timber and stones." The colors seen when a warhead detonates are the color of sapphire and sulphur. In the King James version, it is not sapphire, but jacinth, which is hyacinth, a brownish, reddish, or orange zircon (golden) color. The three plagues are the way one-third will be destroyed when a warhead explodes: radiation, heat, and percussion. This is the "curse" that goes out over the face of the earth. "For every one who steals," that is the corruption of the Revelations within the various sects and denominations, "will be cut off," destroyed. "Everyone who swears falsely," the clergy, theologians, Hands, shall be destroyed. "And it shall enter the house [churches, Mosques, Temples, etc.] of the thief, and the house of him [clergy] who swear falsely by my name [of the Manifestations]; and it shall abide [explode] in his house and consume it both timber and stones." In a single day, in one hour, one-third of humankind will be destroyed.

Similar in nature to the book of Revelation we also find references to the first wind of destruction within the Qur'an.

The Calamity! What is the Calamity? Ah, what will convey unto thee what the Calamity is! A day wherein mankind will be as thickly-scattered moths and the mountains will become as carded wool. Then, as for him whose scales are heavy (with good works), he will have a pleasant life. But as for him whose scales are light, the Bereft and Hungry One will be his mother. Ah, what will convey unto thee what she is! – Raging fire. Lo! They behold it afar off while We behold it nigh; the day when the sky will become as molten copper, and the hills become as flakes of wool.... With eyes aghast, abasement stupefying them: Such is the Day which they are promised.

The same description is given of a nuclear explosion as in Revelation: "the sky will become as molten copper." The "flakes of wool," a description of the fallout that will fall upon the hills and watersheds of the mountains, described in Revelation 8:11 as wormwood. "The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died of the water, because it was made bitter." Chernobyl, the Ukrainian word for wormwood, is a bitter wild herb that is used as a tonic in rural Russia and was the site where the worst nuclear power plant accident occurred. The water will become bitter, contaminated by the fallout, and if one drinks of it, they will perish. Due to the violation of the Covenant of Jesus and the violation of the Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh, we now stand at the very precipice of this first wind of destruction.

One-third of humankind will be destroyed as this war will be fought primarily between the nations of the Beast; United States, France, England, and Russia, along with Islamic nations of the Middle East, approximately one-third of the earth. The purpose of religion is for an ever-advancing civilization and unification of all peoples and nations. The first principle within Bahá'í teachings is the Oneness of Mankind. Another is that religion is progressive with all having a common foundation. God has guided humanity's collective development through each age for thousands of years. In our age, older laws, ordinances, and beliefs need renewal to cure the ills of the world. The World Court, League of Nations and the United Nations were all conceived based upon principles revealed by Bahá'u'lláh. Each of these institutions has failed because they lack the spiritual qualities essential for world unity and peace. Within the book of Revelation, the United Nations is thus represented as a "black horse." "And I saw, and behold, a black horse, and its rider had a balance in his hand...." The United Nations mission was to keep a balance among the nations of the earth, to justly settle disputes between the nations. It lacks the spirit to do so and will soon be destroyed.

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⁹ Qu'ran, Surah CI, *The Calamity*, 448; Surah LXXX, *The Ascending Stairways*, 413.

¹⁰ Revelation 6:5.



Washington conversation on international organization, Dumbarton Oaks, August 1944 Schutz Group Photographers (Washington, D.C.) photographer Library of Congress



United Nations as viewed from northwest on 1st Avenue Gottscho-Schleisner, Inc., photographer April 20, 1956 Library of Congress



And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, and blasphemed the God of heavens because of their pains and their sores and repented not of their deeds. 11

The United Nations is the "seat of the beast" and will be destroyed, along with a portion of New York City, before the first wind of destruction. In 1993, the Washington post, during a taped interview with a defendant of the World Trade Center (the bombing on February 23, 1993), questioned why the United Nations would be a target (an apparent planned attack against the U.N. had been thwarted by authorities). The defendant replied that it was the world's government and the U.N.'s resolutions were oppressive towards Islam and the Muslim people. On December 6, 2017, President Trump announced the formal recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. Jerusalem is a fiercely contested city. The Palestinians view East Jerusalem as the capital of a future Palestinian state. The Old City has the third-holiest mosque in Islam, the Mosque of Omar, and it is the holiest site in Judaism. Jerusalem is also sacred to Christians. After the announcement, President Mahmoud Abbas stated it would stoke extremism in the region. It is not certain, yet, how this may all play out in the immediate future. There has never been a foreign embassy in Jerusalem since the recognition of Israel in 1948. What is clear, is the destruction of the U.N. In the prophecies of Nostradamus there is a passage related to the destruction of the "New City," which many believe is New York.

The sky will burn at 45 degrees. Fire approaches the great New City. By fire he will destroy their city [New York]. An inhuman, cruel heart. Blood will pour. Mercy to none. Then will come the great tumult [thermonuclear war]. Warfare on a greater scale than ever before. Explosions. There will be a great onslaught. There will be Terror, Terror, Terror. Garden of the world the New City and the way of the man made mountains [skyscrapers] shall be seized on and plunged into ferment [agitation, unrest, tumult]. 12

The visions of the prophet Zechariah show a total of two-thirds who "shall be cut off and perish." This is a reference to another one-third who perishes in the remaining three winds of destruction: a large meteor or asteroid hitting the earth, a giant earthquake and the earth's shifting crust. Prophecies point to a time when the earth will be shaken, and mountains will fall.

For in my jealousy and in my blazing wrath I declare, On that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; the fish of the sea, and the birds of the air, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep on the ground, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall quake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the cliffs shall fall, and every wall shall tumble to the ground. ¹³

When the event befalleth – There is no denying that it will befall – Abasing (some), exalting (others); When the earth is shaken with a shock and the hills are ground to powder so that they become scattered dust. 14

Events described within the book of Revelation are not set down in any chronological order as a few commentator's claim. As in a dream, the imagery seen by John weaves in and out from one scene to another in no apparent order. This great prophetic book could never be understood until the coming of the promised one of God, the return of Jesus, who breaks its seals and explains its meaning.

¹¹ Revelation 16:10, 11.

¹² Nostradamus, Century 6, Quatrain 97.

¹³ Ezekiel 38:19, 20.

¹⁴ Qu'ran, Surah LVI, The Event, 384.

Jesus mentioned that the latter days would be likened unto the days of Noah with the coming of the Son of man, the return of Jesus. As Noah warned of the impending flood, Dr. Leland Jensen, through his explanations warns humanity of the destruction that soon will unfold upon the peoples and nations of the world. Within the sixth chapter of Revelation, it is written:

When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale, and the sky vanished like a scroll that is rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. ¹⁵

"Behold, the Lord will lay waste the earth and make it desolate, and he will twist its surface and scatter its inhabitants" ¹⁶ are the words used by Isaiah in describing the shifting of the earth's crust.

Therefore, as the tongue of fire devours the stubble, and as dry grass sinks down in the flame, so their root will be as rottenness, and their blossom go up like dust; for they have rejected the law of the Lord of hosts, and have despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.¹⁷

The "Holy One of Israel" is Bahá'u'lláh, and the law is his Covenant that the world and the Bahá'í Administration have rejected. Again, from the book of Isaiah we read: "The earth shall be utterly laid waste and utterly despoiled.... The earth lies polluted under its inhabitants for they have transgressed the laws, violated the statutes, broken the everlasting covenant." This Everlasting Covenant is the "Tree of Life" as represented within the Kabbalah Tree and confirmed by history and scripture from the age of Adam to the present. God is indeed most Merciful, providing humanity with one more chance to abjure it rebellion, sending the return of Jesus into the world to explain the meaning of Holy writ and warn of the impending catastrophes. Humanity continues to ignore God's plan for His Kingdom on earth believing they could supersede the plan of God with one of its own design and "Therefore a curse devours the earth, and its inhabitants suffer for their guilt; therefore the inhabitants of the earth are scorched, and few men left." Inhabitants of the earth are scorched, and few men left.

A question was once asked of 'Abdú'l-Bahá related to a great earthquake likened unto those that previously occurred. He replied that such earthquakes are frequent and would continue in the future as they had in the past. He then spoke of a great catastrophe that would be on a much larger scale than anything previous. He did not elaborate further. Shoghi Effendi also spoke of the catastrophes.

"The cradle of Western Civilization (Europe) is declining and America is worried about it. America is greatly exposed to danger. The time of destruction can happen anytime. It will come fast and no one knows just when this can happen."

Shoghi Effendi does not say what the nature of the catastrophe will be, but he says "it will be more disastrous than the fall of the roman empire." Says he "has done everything to wake people up but they still sleep."

"Regardless what the government does it cannot prevent the catastrophe. One million people in New York cannot be saved. It will come swift and sudden and whole cities will be leveled to the ground."

¹⁵ Revelation 6:12-14.

¹⁶ Isaiah 24:1.

¹⁷ Isaiah 5:24, 25.

¹⁸ Isaiah 24:3, 5.

¹⁹ Isaiah 24:6.

"New York is named the City of the Covenant because it is the most corrupt city in the world. Therefore it needs the greatest transformation."

"The catastrophe is inevitable and needs be to purge the world. It will be something the world has never seen and will affect every nation, country, class and creed. The world has high blood pressure and this will be the blood letting. Blood will run everywhere. It will purge the world and then cement the remnants together. The Administration is the embryo of the New World Order. The New World Order is the child and it will mature into the world civilization. There will be no decline in the future. It will be like a spiral, ever upwards. There may be moments that stop, but no decline. This is the Day that is not followed by night." ²⁰

The above is quite interesting in its mention of the Administration being the embryo of the New World Order, which is the child. This statement reflects that which was given by Isaiah as "a little child shall lead them."

"America is the most corrupt nation in the world and is contaminating the other nations, therefore it will suffer the worst."

I asked if this was war, he said "yes, and other things too; the most fiery ordeal the world has ever known. The whole world will be like a convulsion. The flame will clean and also weld."

"Americans are exposed to great dangers. Today the power of America is in the hands of the masses. There is a terrific power in the press, and the people are swayed by it. The United States, on a national scale, sets the pattern for an international pattern.... Mankind cannot be purified and cleansed without suffering.... It is positively dangerous to live in cities. The cities are doomed. They will evaporate.... The Bahá'ís must disperse from the cities...why do they not disperse? If they do not respond and disperse, they will suffer spiritually, materially, and physically.... In America the destruction will be great!... They must disperse for their own protection. The cities are doomed: New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles. 21

Bahá'u'lláh had himself declared:

"The world is in travail and its agitation waxeth day by day. Its face is turned towards waywardness and unbelief. Such shall be its plight that to disclose it now would not be meet and seemly. Its perversity will long continue. And when the appointed hour is come, there shall suddenly appear that which shall cause the limbs of mankind to quake. Then and only then will the Divine Standard be unfurled and the Nightingale of Paradise warble its melody." ²²

Shoghi Effendi writes in his work *The Promised Day Is Come* that humanity can neither "perceive its origin, nor probe its significance, nor discern its outcome."

²⁰ Ramona Brown, *Memories of 'Abdu'l-Baha* (National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States, 1980) 116, 117.

²¹ Notes taken by Mrs. Ramona Brown of Oakland, California, 1954. These same sentiments were also expressed to other pilgrims who came to visit Shoghi Effendi.

²² Shoghi Effendi, *The World Order of Baha'u'llah*, 33.

A tempest, unprecedented in its violence, unpredictable in its course, catastrophic in its immediate effects, unimaginably glorious in its ultimate consequences, is at present sweeping the face of the earth.²³

Shoghi Effendi further reiterates the words of Bahá'u'lláh relating to that which awaits all humankind.

"The time for the destruction of the world and its people," Bahá'u'lláh's prophetic pen has proclaimed, "hath arrived." "The hour is approaching," He specifically affirms, "when the most great convulsion will have appeared." "The promised day is come, the day when tormenting trials will have surged above your heads, and beneath your feet, saying: "Taste ye what your hands have wrought!" "Soon shall the blasts of His chastisement beat upon you, and the dust of hell enshroud you."... "The day is approaching when its (civilization) flame will devour the cities, when the Tongue of Grandeur will proclaim: "The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the All-Praised!" 24

The first wind of destruction is not something that is years away – the time is now. The people of America must flee the major cities, for the political machinery is moving swiftly towards the "Hour."

"The prophetic voice of Bahá'u'lláh's warning, in the concluding passages of the Hidden Words, "the peoples of the world" that "an unforeseen calamity is following them and that grievous retribution awaiteth them" throws indeed a lurid light upon the immediate fortunes of sorrowing humanity. Nothing but a fiery ordeal, out of which humanity will emerge, chastened and prepared, can succeed in implanting that sense of responsibility which the leaders of a new-born age must arise to shoulder." 25

It is essential in this day for the people and governments of the world to recognize and accept principles that shall raise the standard of universal peace and justice. These Divine Principles are given within the Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh. The recognition of the oneness of mankind, independent investigation of truth, religion is progressive with all having a common foundation, the essential harmony of science and religion, religion being the cause of unity, the equality of men and women, the elimination of prejudice of all kinds, universal compulsory education, a spiritual solution to the economic problem, a universal auxiliary language, universal peace upheld by a spiritual world government and a Universal House of Justice with a descendant of David seated at its head, will transform our current spiritually diseased secular civilization into the glory of the Kingdom of God on earth.

The greatness of this day is illumined by that which comes from God through His promised Ones – Bahá'u'lláh, the glory of the Father and the return of Jesus the high priest after the order of Melchizedek, the establisher of his Revelation. The Lamb with seven horns and seven eyes has explained the testimony of the sacrificial Lamb, who is the Spirit of prophecy. "For the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy." Through the explanations of the prophecies by the return of Jesus the Lamb, the Kingdom of God will be established.

The storm clouds are gathering rapidly and soon will unleash all that the prophets of old have recorded. Humankind will suffer as never before, especially the United States, as it has been given the most and unto whom much is given, much is to be expected.

²³ Shoghi Effendi, The Promised Day Is Come (National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the U.S.A. 1941, 1961) 1.

²⁴ Ibid.

²⁵ Shoghi Effendi, *The World Order of Baha'u'llah*, 46.

Whatever the Hand of a beneficent and inscrutable Destiny has reserved for this youthful, this virile, this idealistic, this spiritually blessed and enviable nation [America], however severe the storms which may buffet it in the days to come in either hemisphere, however sweeping the changes which the impact of cataclysmic forces from without, and the stirrings of a Divine embryonic Order from within, will effect in its structure and life, we may, confident in the words uttered by 'Abdú'l-Bahá, feel assured that that great republic—the shell that enshrines so precious a member of the world community of the followers of His Father — will continue to evolve, undivided and undefeatable, until the sum total of it contributions to the birth, the rise and the fruition of that world civilization, the child of the Most Great Peace and hallmark of the Golden Age of the Dispensation of Bahá'u'lláh, will have been made, and its last task discharged.

In the book of Isaiah, we read:

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

These verses relate to the Great Day of God, the establishment of His Kingdom. The use of terms, such as wolf, lamb, and bear, etc., is symbolic for nations of the world who will no longer be at war, and peace and prosperity will fill the earth, and "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." The reference "and a little child shall lead them," is the United States, for it is the youngest nation and while it stands at the threshold of great destruction, it shall evolve into a radiant illumination of the spiritual endowments of God's Will and lead the peoples and nations of the world into another age. "The continent of America, is, in the eyes of the one true God, the land wherein the splendors of His light shall be revealed, where the mysteries of His Faith shall be unveiled [the Covenant], where the righteous [those who come under the shelter of the Covenant] will abide and the free assemble.... Its future is even more promising, for its influence and illumination are far reaching. It will lead all nations spiritually. 26

As it was when men of long ago waited for an unprecedented event to take place, an event that brought the dawn of a new cycle, so too, from out of the chaos and destruction of this present age, an even greater age will emerge – the Kingdom of God.

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²⁶ Words of 'Abdu'l-Baha as cited by Shoghi Effendi in *God Passes By*, 234.



...In this marvelous cycle, the earth will be transformed, and the world of humanity arrayed in peace and beauty. Disputes, quarrels and murders will be replaced by harmony, truth, and concord; among the nations, peoples, races, and countries, love and amity will appear. Co-operation and union will be established, and finally war will be entirely suppressed.... Universal peace will raise its tent in the center of the earth, and the blessed tree of life will spread to such an extent that it will overshadow the East and the West. Strong and weak, rich and poor, antagonistic sects and hostile nations, which are like the wolf and the lamb, the leopard and kid, the lion and calf, will act towards each other with the most complete love, friendship, justice, and fairness. The world will be filled with science, with the knowledge of the reality of the mysteries of beings, and with the knowledge of God.

~ Bahá'u'lláh